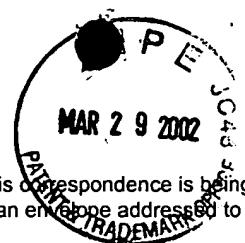


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PATENT
Docket No. GC477C1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Wang et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/273,957) Examiner: M. A. Walicka, Ph.D.
Filed: March 22, 1999)
For: Novel Phenol Oxidizing Enzyme)
Enzymes)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated November 15, 2001.

one month to _____; the extension fee is \$110.00.

two months to April 15, 2002; the extension fee is \$400.00.

three months to _____; the extension fee is \$920.00.

four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,440.00.

five months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,960.00.

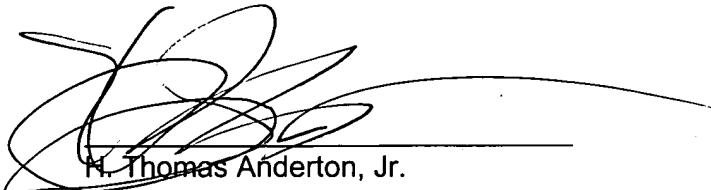
The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated._____.

[X] Charge \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC477C1). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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